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SUBJECT: GIEREK VISIT - OCTOBER 9, 1974

1. GIEREK AND PARTY BEGAN SECOND DAY OF WASHINGTON VISIT AT BREAKFAST MEETING WITH LEADING AMERICAN JOURNALISTS, FOLLOWED BY VISITS TO SPEAKERS OF BOTH HOUSES OF THE CONGRESS AND MEETING WITH HOUSE AND SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBERS. ESPECIALLY NOTABLE WAS PRESENCE OF LEADING MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS WITH INFLUENCE IN POLONIA.

2. AFTER LAYING WREATH AT KOSCIUSZKO MONUMENT (FYI - OLSZOWSKI LAID WREATH SIMULTANEOUSLY AT PULASKI STATUE), GIEREK LUNCED AT NATIONAL PRESS CLUB WHERE HIS FORMAL REMARKS WERE WELL RECEIVED AND FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS WERE NEITHER UNFRIENDLY NOR PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO HANDLE.

3. IN AFTERNOON, GIEREK MET WITH PRESIDENT FORD AND CABINET OFFICIALS IN WHITE HOUSE CABINET ROOM FOR SIGNING CEREMONY OF TWO DOCUMENTS ABOUT GENERAL PRINCIPLES. POLISH PARTY WAS ESPECIALLY PLEASED WITH SINCERITY OF PRESIDENT FORD'S REMARKS AS WELL AS CORDIALITY OF WHOLE CEREMONY AND ATTENDANT CEREMONIAL.

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4. FOLLOWING SIGNING CEREMONY, GIEREK MET AT BLAIR HOUSE

WITH MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS AND LEADING AMERICAN BUSINESS-MEN.

5. POLISH EVENING RECEPTION AT STATLER-HILTON WAS A SELL-OUT. POLES HAD GONE TO GREAT CARE TO INVITE PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE UNITED STATES AND WERE GRATIFIED THAT SO MANY WENT TO GREAT EXPENSE TO ATTEND.

6. FOLLOWING RECEPTION, SOME MEMBERS OF GIEREK PARTY INCLUDING VICE MINISTER KRZAK TRAVELED TO NEW YORK FOR OCTOBER 10 FLIGHT TO WARSAW. KRZAK ESPECIALLY SHOWED HIGH GOOD HUMOR AND GREAT SATISFACTION ABOUT WASHINGTON EVENTS LAID ON FOR GIEREK AND RESULTS OF THE WASHINGTON PHASE OF THE GIEREK VISIT. INGERSOLL

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